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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97, 1.98 and 1.56 in the present application, and for printing on the face of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Also attached are two (2) Japanese Patent Office (JPO) Actions and partial English language translations thereof.

JPO Action 1 issued on 18 May 2004 in a divisional application of one of the Japanese patent applications corresponding to the present US case upon which priority is claimed herein under 35 USC §119. JP-A-02-066429 was filed in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in the present application on 30 May 2002 and is already of record and considered in this case, so no copy is submitted

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herewith. JP-A-06-090933 is submitted with English equivalent EP-A1-0497021, and an English language Abstract is attached to JP-A-02-203250.

JPO Action 2 was issued 18 May 2004 in one of the Japanese applications corresponding to the present US case upon which priority is claimed herein under 35 USC §119. JP-A-07-079935, JP-A-07-148169 and JP-A-06-154228 are submitted with English language Abstracts. JP-B2-03-067409 is presented with the English language Abstract of corresponding Japanese Publication No. 65-046439 (see Figs. 1 and 2). US 5,586,554 A also is submitted as an English language equivalent to JP-A-06-245938.

Further presented is the article to Gopinath *et al.*, "Near-infrared spectroscopic localization of intracranial hematomas," *J. Neurosurg.*, 79:43-47, 1993, which became known to Applicant on 30 May 2004.

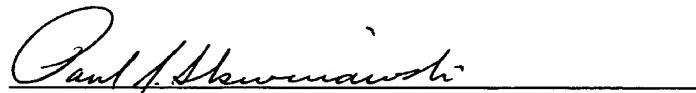
Applicant respectfully states that no item of information contained herein was first cited in a Communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign patent application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned, no item of information contained herein was known to any individual designated in §1.56, more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this IDS.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, no separate concise explanation of relevance is required for any information submitted herewith that is not in the English language because either an English language Abstract for the reference or an English language equivalent of the reference also is submitted herewith.

This IDS is being submitted after mailing of a final Office Action on the merits in the present US case, and the statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2) is submitted herein. Attached is a Form PTO-2038 including authorization for payment of the

requisite fee under 37 CFR §1.97(d). To whatever other extent is necessary, please charge any actual fee due in connection with this IDS to ATSK Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as No. 500.34077CC3).

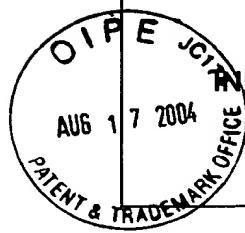
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